

SCIENTIFIC NOTE

**MYIASIS IN BRISTLE-SPINED PORCUPINE,
CHAETOMYS SUBSPINOSUS (OLFERS, 1818),
IN BAHIA, BRAZIL¹**Adriana Akemi Kuniy² and Caroline Nascimento Santos²

Two specimens of *Chaetomys subspinosus* (Olfers, 1818) (Rodentia, Echimyidae, Chaetomyiinae) infested by screwworm *Cochliomyia hominivorax* (Coquerel, 1858) (Diptera: Calliphoridae) were captured in an Atlantic Forest fragment at Salvador, northeastern Brazil, on March 24 and April 12, 2003. One of them had parasite infestation on the left of its face, between its ear and buccal cavity (Fig. 1); the other one had 70 percent tail infestation. The specimens were brought to a Wild Animal Rehabilitation Center due to screwworm infestation located in the body of the animals and were treated with chemical products (clorpirifos, diclorvos), before their translocation to a permanent place in reserve. Despite this procedure, none of them survived treatment more than one day. *Cochliomyia hominivorax* is an ectoparasite usually found in skin and mucous secretion during its larval phases. This screwworm develops in live tissues of their hosts in only one lesion considered relatively large, with repulsive secretion (Koller et al., 2002). *Cochliomyia hominivorax* has been reported in humans (Duque et al., 1990; Leclercq 1990; Mehr et al., 1991; Boulard and Quiroz 1991; Kron, 1992) and in domestic mammals, such as cattle (Sanavria et al., 1996; Moya Borja et al., 1993), sheep, pigs, goats, mules, donkeys, dogs, and cats (Rawlings and Cheng Sang 1984; Costa et al., 1985; Amarante et al., 1992; Mariluis et al., 1994). It also can be found in Brazilian sylvan mammals, like the porcupine (*Coendou prehensilis prehensilis*) (Lacey and George 1981). This is the first record of an infestation by *Cochliomyia hominivorax* in *Cochliomyia subspinosus* porcupines.

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Fig. 1.
Cochliomyia sub-spinosus porcupine infested by *Cochliomyia hominivorax* screw-worms. Note lesions on left side of the face, between its ear and buccal cavity.

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